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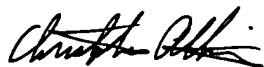
The communication filed on 2/16/2001 is non-responsive to the prior Office action because of the following reason:

Applicant has failed to reply to every ground of art rejection (i.e. the rejection of claim 5) and each claim. See 37CFR 1.111 (b). It is unknown what applicant believes is the different between the prior art and claim 55 since applicant only states "Claim 55 is ... **similar** to claim 34". It is unknown what "similar" means when determining patentability between claim language and prior art.

Since the response appears to be *bona fide*, but through an apparent oversight or inadvertence failed to provide a complete response, applicant is required to complete the response within a

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher Atkinson whose telephone number is (703) 308-2603.



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